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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S. 1. Special Branch File No. ..... Date August 14, 1941.

SUBJECT: Mrs. Shura Purvey - Address

Further to report dated July 8th on the above subject, the undersigned with the assistance of the French Police on the 13-8-41 attempted to locate Mr. Aron Kitzis at 833/12 Avenue Joffre where he had had an office up till about 2 weeks ago. Not being able to locate Mr. Kitzis a message was left with one of his acquaintances asking Mr. Kitzis to call the undersigned by telephone upon receipt of the message.

At 4 p.m. 13-8-41, the undersigned received a telephone call from Mrs. Purvey stating that she had been to see Mr. Cox of H.B.M. Consulate. She also gave her address, which she claimed was only temporary, as 403 Route des Soeurs. Both these statements were substantiated by Mr. Cox.

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A. C. (Special Branch).

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated August 5, 1941, I forward herewith a copy of a Police report regarding Mrs. Purvey.

Yours faithfully,

W Duncan

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

x Sent 14/8.

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

August 6th 1941.

Dear Mr. Sharman,

Your letter No.895 of the 7th July regarding Mrs. Purvey.

Have you been able to discover this lady's present whereabouts? She has not called to see me about her registration but I am told she has left Shanghai - with her daughter - for North China.

Yours sincerely,

J. Cox.

V. Sharman, Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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July 7th 41.

Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated June 26, 1941, I forward herewith a copy of a Police report regarding Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter.

Yours sincerely,

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Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

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A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

S.I., Special Branch,

REPORT

Date July 8 7, 1941.

Subject (in full) R Movements of Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter.

Made by D.S. Ellis Forwarded by D.S.I. Wilcox.

With reference to the attached letter from H.B.M. Consulate-General re the departure of Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter for Tientsin, it has been ascertained that they have not left Shanghai up to the present date.

It has also been ascertained that Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter do not live at the address they had given, that is Lane 833/12 Avenue Joffre, and their present address is unknown.

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A. C. (Special Branch)

BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
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26th June, 1941

Dear Mr. Sharman,

Many thanks for your letter of 6th June No.N895, regarding Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter.

Although this woman called to see me, at my request, on the 13th June, she has not yet registered at this Consulate-General and I am informed that she and her daughter have proceeded to Tientsin.

I should be grateful if you could obtain any confirmation of this.

Yours sincerely,

V. Sharman, Esquire,
Assistant Commissioner,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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Dear Mr. Cox,

Further to my letter dated June 5, 1941, I have to inform you that Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter are at present residing at Lane 833, House 12, Avenue Joffre.

Yours sincerely,

J Sharman
Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

File No.

REPORT

S.I. Special Branch,

Date June 5. 1941.

Subject (in full) Mrs. Shura Purvey:- Address.

Made by D.S.I. Young Forwarded by D.S.I. Wilcox.

Further to report dated 4th June on above subject, copy of which was forwarded to Mr. Cox A.M. 5th. June, information is now to hand that the lady and her "daughter" are at present residing at Lane 833, House 12, Avenue Joffre.

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June 5 41.

Dear Mr. Cox,

With reference to your letter dated May 28, 1941, I forward herewith a *copy of a Police report regarding Mrs. Shura Purvey and her daughter Mina Kitzis.

Yours sincerely,

Assistant Commissioner
(Special Branch)

* Sent. 5/6/41

A. T. Cox, Esq.,
British Consulate-General,
Shanghai.

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BRITISH CONSULATE-GENERAL,
P.O. BOX 259. SHANGHAI.

28th May, 1941.

Dear Mr. Sharman,

I think you have considerable information in your records regarding a thoroughly undesirable British subject named Mrs. Shura PURVEY.

She and her daughter, Mina KITZIS (who is not a British subject) are being deported from Singapore and should arrive shortly by the s.s. "ANKING".

I should be grateful if you would let me know their address when they arrive here.

Yours sincerely,

Cox

V. Sharman, Esquire,
Shanghai Municipal Police,
SHANGHAI.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S.B. REGISTRY No. 895 8-6-41

S.I. Special Branch. SECRET. File No. ..... Date June 4, 1941.

SUBJECT: Mrs. SHURA PURVEY / MINA KITZIS } History

SECRET

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Mrs. Shura Purvey first came to the notice of S.M. Police in 1926 in a letter to the Commissioner of Police, Hongkong, from the Acting Commandant, Cairo City Police. The letter states that in August 1926 one Aron Kitzis and his mistress Shurah Purvey sailed from Port Said for Hongkong. Kitzis was reported to be a notorious Souteneur and pimp, who served a term of imprisonment in France for misappropriation and was expelled from Egypt as an undesirable character and a menace to public safety. He lived for some time on the proceeds of a brothel exploited by Shura Purvey.

The letter states Kitzis had a daughter by a former mistress and that Purvey gained possession of the child, which she claimed as her own and had entered on her passport as her own daughter.

After leaving Bombay, where she conducted a brothel at 26, Lamington Road, Purvey stayed for awhile in Egypt. Shortly prior to her departure from Bombay, a Bessarabian Jew named Moritz Speigel was murdered, and although no positive proof was forthcoming strong grounds existed for believing that Kitzis and Purvey instigated the murder and paid the actual assassins to carry it out. Because of this strong suspicion Kitzis and Purvey were expelled from Egypt.

Shura Purvey married an Englishman named Purvey in Bombay, thus obtaining British Nationality. Purvey abandoned the woman shortly after the marriage and was last heard of in Colombo.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

S.1, Special Branch, *Station.* *File No.* ..... *Date* .....

SUBJECT: (2)

Mrs. Purvey, who was born in Kieff, Russia, was in Shanghai in 1926 and 1935.

She again arrived here from Singapore on 31.5.41 per China Navigation Co's steamer "An King", in company with her daughter Miss M. Purvey. Her present address in Shanghai is not known. Boarding House Section has been asked to endeavour to ascertain this and a further report will be forwarded when this information is to hand.

D. S. I.

A.C. (Special Branch)